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## V-MAILS

Pfc. Kay Sato, Somewhere in Italy. . . . We are now in a rest area so I am able to write. The boys have proven from the very first day in combat that they are fighting soldiers.
Today General Mark Clark in person presented a unit citation to the 100th Inf. Bn. for an outstanding objective they undertook and were successful in routing a part of the right flank of the German army.
Now that we are in a rest area it seems like there is no war going on at all. I've gone swimming several times to a beach near by and really enjoyed myself.
There was a program last night which was very good. Tonight there is a show and I intend to see it. This Sunday each company is having a Memorial Service for those men who died in combat.

Pvt. Roy Komachi, Some where in Italy. . . . . Just a brief V-Mail to let you know that I'm doing all right. Just returned from a bout with the dentist minus one tooth but still feel okay. A dentist's chair still has the terror do spite all the artillery barrages we've been thru. Yes, we've received our baptism of fire and have come through all right. I guess we've wandered about the furthest away from Hunt but our thought are always of home and our loved ones. I see that my brother, George, was back on furlough according to the "Irrigator" - the lucky guy.

# IN THE MAIL BAG

Pvt. George Okita, Co. B. 34th Bn. Fort McClellan, Alabama. . . . . I am now down in the sunny south at Fort McClelan Alabama getting an accelerated eight weeks basic training, which is now a prerequisite to studying the Japanese language at Savage. George Nakahashi, Masuo Hashiguchi and George Hayakawa are also down here and they have just completed their training cycle today. . . . . Now that our friends and relatives in the service are getting on the casualty list, the war is really beginning to strike home to us. Please give my regards to everyone.

Mrs. Hirshi Furukawa, Pullman, Washington. . . Hiroshi was home for eleven full days on his furlough. The days passes all too quickly for us. He is now with the 442 nd at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. While Hiroshi was home we had Ann baptized at the St. James Episcopal Church by the Rev. R. H. Clark (July 24)

Miss Lillian Oda, Phil. . . . I just can't believe that I've been here for only about two weeks. I like it out here - all except for the heat. I started working last week as typist at the American Friends - it's awfully simple - nothing compared to the job I had in camp. I met the Hayasaka's at a social. They're awfully friendly too. Ruth came after me Sunday and I went to their place and stayed all day. The two girls and their brother came over last Sunday night too. Dodothy is going to visit camp next month for her vacation. I went to a concert featuring Juscha Heifetz as a solois t. It was just perfect - except I couldn't see.

Ruth Hayasaka, Phil. Pa. . . . As there was a Dance being held at the International Institute for the Niseis we thought she might be there (Lillian Oda) Fortunately I know Terry Oikawa, one of the three girls including Lillian and Kay Minomiya who came from Hunt so I met them at the dance. The hostel is only five squares away from our apartment so it is easy t o have them come up. We had dinner here and went to the neighborhood movie. They liked our apartment and the district where we live. They haven't seen very much of Philadelphia

but were impressed at the friendliness and kindness of the Caucasians and Niseis. The Niseis get along very well and our socials and gatherings are really fun and successful and enjoyed by all. Some people have objected to these gatherings but they are outnumbered by the others who realize Niseis need social contacts and relaxation, otherwise we never get to see them, although many plan their Sundays to go to the Hostel to meet their friends.

Right now the Committee composed of Niseis and helpful Friends are planning and organizing Bridge Clubs, Dancing lessons, etc.. The W. R. A. usually heads all of these programs and Philadelphia Niseis can gratefully say the W. R. A. is very concerned about each evacuee and help them to find an apartment, recommend job offer etc.

Florence Kimura, Philadelphia, Penn. .After travelling so much I don't think I'd ever want to travel again. On the other hand with all the company I had the trip was enjoyable and pleasant. One of the girls' sister met us at Chicago and showed us around. Although we didn't see much in five hours we were amazed by the largeness of the buildings. We had our "real" dinner which was at a Chinese Restaurant. After all the walking we did it was in a way, a relief to board the train for Philadelphia. Irene and Ets met me and after saying good bye to the others, they took me to their apartment. Saturday we went down to the WRA office and there I met Miss Walker. She's a very nice person and friendly. Then we went to the Student Relocation office and there I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bodine again. He informed me that there were going to be three or four Japanese youths going to West Philadelphia High. West Philadelphia High is an awfully big school as I found out one evening. I was surprised by its largeness, but I know I'm going to like it. Philadelphia is a large place, I wonder if I'll ever see the whole city. Whmmm I was uptown with Irene, the tall buildings; the trolleys whizzing past, everything going, I was wondering if I was really there or was I dreaming. It's been raining all day and for once I feel like I'm back

# THE COLLECT

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

| WEST END 10-12 | EAST END 32-12 |
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| 8:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa | 9:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist 22-3-D Church Chapel Fr. Shoji |
| | 9:30 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa |
| 10:30 A. M. Church School | 10:30 A. M. Church School |

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